

CHANGE IN STATE DRY LAW SOUGHT TO HASTEN TRIALS

Miller Will Be Asked to
Permit Proceedings in
Special Sessions.

TO DRAW AMENDMENT

Swann Aids Delegated to
This Work in Confer-
ence of Police.

ALL COPS DRY AGENTS

This Move Is Said to Have
Been Determined On to
Stop Boozé Selling Here.

As a result of the conference held yesterday in the office of Police Commissioner Richard E. Enright to make definite plans for the rigid enforcement of prohibition in this city by the city and county authorities two Assistant District Attorneys were appointed to go to Albany to ask Gov. Miller to amend the Mullan-Gage bills so as to facilitate the handling of liquor cases in the local courts.

The enforcement measures now awaiting Gov. Miller's signature among other things require that all cases must upon sufficient evidence be taken before a Grand Jury and tried in General Sessions by a jury. The two Assistant District Attorneys, Harry Anderson of Kings and Robert S. Johnson of New York, who were appointed to confer with Gov. Miller, have drawn up a proposed amendment whereby such proceedings shall be conducted in Special Sessions, which would not require Grand Jury indictments and jury trials.

The conference, which lasted two hours, was attended by Commissioner Enright, Corporation Counsel John P. O'Brien, District Attorneys Edward J. Glennon of The Bronx; Dana B. Wallace of Queens; Joseph Maloy of Richmond and Assistant District Attorney Joseph H. Banton, representing District Attorney Swann. Assistant District Attorneys Ralph Hemstreet and Harry Anderson of Kings.

While Police Commissioner Enright would have nothing to say after the conference, it is understood the entire police force will be called out to make the city bone dry as soon as Gov. Miller signs either the Mullan-Gage bills or the proposed amendment, which if granted will consume considerable time. The Governor has planned to make the laws effective during the present week. After the conference Mr. Banton explained the difficulties of bringing prosecutions and obtaining convictions for violation of the State prohibition laws if Gov. Miller signs the enforcement bills as they stand. The process of presenting the evidence to a Grand Jury in each case and bringing the prosecutions in General Sessions would throw a great burden on the office of the District Attorney, clog the court calendars and lead to confusion, in Mr. Banton's opinion.

"I believe we could try twenty cases in Special Sessions under the existing criminal procedure as against a single case in General Sessions under the proposed enforcement act, which requires indictment and trial by jury," said Mr. Banton yesterday. "The machinery as set up in the proposed enforcement act might work out in counties where there are no great cities. But it will be particularly difficult to operate under its provisions in New York city."

To hand up an indictment for violation of the prohibition law, sixteen of the twenty-three men on a Grand Jury would be required to vote in favor of the indictment. To obtain a conviction under the indictment the entire twelve men on the petit jury would have to agree on a verdict of guilty.

It was pointed out yesterday that if those charged with violations were unable to obtain bail bonds in most cases the jails would soon be crowded to capacity. This is assuming there will be a vigorous attempt to enforce the law.

Mr. Banton believes an increase in the number of judges will be necessary to hear the cases that will be brought as soon as the prohibition laws are signed.

OLD TIME WHISKEY AT \$1.15.

CHICAGO, Ill., March 28.—Bonded whiskey of the pre-prohibition variety sold for \$1.15 a quart in Chicago to-day when the Government held an auction sale of a quantity of liquor seized in a raid, for which no claimant could be found. A wholesale drug company made the highest bid.

KILLED IN AUTO PLUNGE.

HORNELL, N. Y., March 28.—Charles Swain was killed and his wife and two children were seriously hurt last night when their car plunged down an embankment about two miles from their home in Canaseraga. Mrs. Swain is in a hospital here in a critical condition.

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RIO JANEIRO'S OLD CAPITAL TO OUTSHINE MONTE CARLO

\$15,000,000 Will Transform Niteroy Into Greatest
Gambling Resort, Says New Yorker Who Returns
With Contract for Great Casino.

The most resplendent gambling city in the world, outdazzling Monte Carlo, is what Niteroy, the former capital of the State of Rio Janeiro, soon will be, according to Redondo Sutton, an engineer with offices in 120 Broadway, who arrived yesterday from Rio Janeiro by the Munson liner Aeolus. The metropolitan city will cost about \$15,000,000 and will involve the construction of many new tree bordered streets and the building of a casino that, according to the plans, is to be the "best in the world."

Mr. Sutton's firm will undertake the job of recreating Niteroy to make it more attractive than even Monte Carlo and finer than anything else of its kind, existing or projected. Mr. Sutton said he had signed for his firm the contract, calling for the expenditure of \$15,000,000 in all, including \$2,500,000 to be used solely in the building of the casino, and he showed the all gold fountain pen used in putting signatures to the contract.

The scheme calls for the organization of a ferry service and a breakwater. Rio de Janeiro is only five miles east of

Niteroy, and the little ex-capital, with a population of about 25,000, is expected to overflow at times with the game sports of the population, near the million mark, of the capital of the United States of Brazil. The promoters also have expectations of drawing from the dominion of Uncle Sam some of the throngs that now go either to Havana or across seas to Monte Carlo.

It is pointed out that Rio is not so far away as it used to be when fewer passenger steamships made a specialty of Brazilian trade. Rio, of course, will be the port for travelers bound eventually for Niteroy, and Rio is only about 4,795 nautical miles from Sandy Hook. It came one day closer yesterday, when the Aeolus created a new record of 12 days, 23 hours and 45 minutes.

The Aeolus brought home Robert Jeffery, retiring Minister to Uruguay, and his wife, and two children, who will spend several days in this city. The McAlpin before going to their home in Little Rock, Ark. Another passenger was Commander Sylvano Priore of the Brazilian Navy, here to look over a new Brazilian battleship at the New York Navy Yard.

DENIES CONSPIRACY IN BIGAMY ACTION

Louis E. Swarts Defends Him-
self and E. P. Kilroe.

Louis E. Swarts, lawyer, who, with Assistant District Attorney Edwin P. Kilroe, is on trial before Supreme Court Justice Weeks on charges of conspiracy growing out of the dropping of a criminal action for bigamy against Napoleon A. Bourasse, broker, took the stand yesterday in his own and Mr. Kilroe's defense.

He denied absolutely the allegation of Mrs. Helen Montrose St. Marie Bourasse, complainant in both civil and criminal bigamy actions against Mr. Bourasse, that she understood from him that Mr. Kilroe was to receive \$1,000 of

the \$12,000 settlement that was made out of court in the civil action. Just after the criminal charge was dropped, he declared she agreed to this settlement because she was hard pressed financially. Mr. Swarts said also that Lyle Mahan, associate of George Gordon Battle, Bourasse's counsel, told him he did not care what was done about the criminal proceedings, as they had a good case for the defense.

Justice Weeks announced that the session of the trial will begin three-quarters of an hour earlier this morning and that evening sessions may be held to expedite the case.

AGED WOMAN FALLS TO DEATH.

While sitting at a window of her home at 101 East 123d street yesterday Amelia Raphael, 86 years old, lost her balance and fell two stories to the street. She was killed almost instantly.

URGE EARLY SIGNING OF TRANSIT BILLS

Representatives of Local
Bodies Will Plead in Albany
Hearing To-day.

A large delegation of representatives of civic and commercial organizations will go to Albany this morning to urge in public hearing that Gov. Miller sign at once the Knight-Adair bill recently passed by the Legislature embodying the Governor's plan for solution of this city's transportation problem. Among the organizations will be the Citizens Transit Committee, the Chamber of Commerce, the Merchants Association, the Queens Chamber of Commerce, the Central Mercantile Association and the Contract Creditors Association. Among the speakers advocating the Governor's plan will be George McAneny, formerly president of the Board of Aldermen; William A. Prendergast, formerly Corporation Counsel; William McCarrall, formerly Public Service Commissioner; J. C. White, of the Merchants Association, and Oliver C. Semple, an attorney who has made a study of New York's transit situation.

John P. O'Brien, Corporation Counsel, left last night for Albany. He will make the plea of the Hyman administration against the signing of the measure. The city's fight will be largely an effort to have the bill submitted for Mayor Hylan's approval before it becomes a law. The city's contention will be based upon Mayor McClellan's veto of a former transit bill. The People's Transit Committee announced an open letter to Gov. Miller urging that he either submit the measure to approval of the city authorities or to a referendum of the voters of the city.

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BREAK DORMITORY GROUND.

PRINCETON, March 28.—Ground was broken here to-day for the first new dormitory to be erected under the campus enlargement plan of Princeton University. There were no formal ceremonies. The building will be 300 feet by 140 feet and will contain 100 single rooms and twenty-five double rooms. Showers will be located on the second floor.

H. W. BUXTON ANSWERS ATTACK ON LEGION

Body Is Only Pro-American,
County Chairman Says.

Denial that the American Legion is a "provocative Anglo-American organization" was made last night by Henry W. Buxton, chairman of the New York county committee, in answer to resolutions adopted at a meeting on Easter of the Clan-na-Gael. The resolutions, introduced by Lieut.-Col. Alexander M. Anderson of the old Sixty-ninth, called for the withdrawal from the legion of all former soldiers of Irish blood.

Mr. Buxton asserted that he doubted that "Mr. Anderson one week ago, prior to his expulsion from the American Legion, would have expressed himself in this way."

Mr. Buxton said: "His charge that the county officials are independently wealthy is absurdly untrue. As to the legion's being a provocative Anglo-American organization, it is to be noticed that Anderson was expelled for his pro-German speech at a pro-German meeting. Neither Ireland nor England were mentioned. Thousands of our legion members, including many of the very officials he attacked, are of Irish descent. The legion is not pro anything but American."

KILLED BY SUBWAY TRAIN.

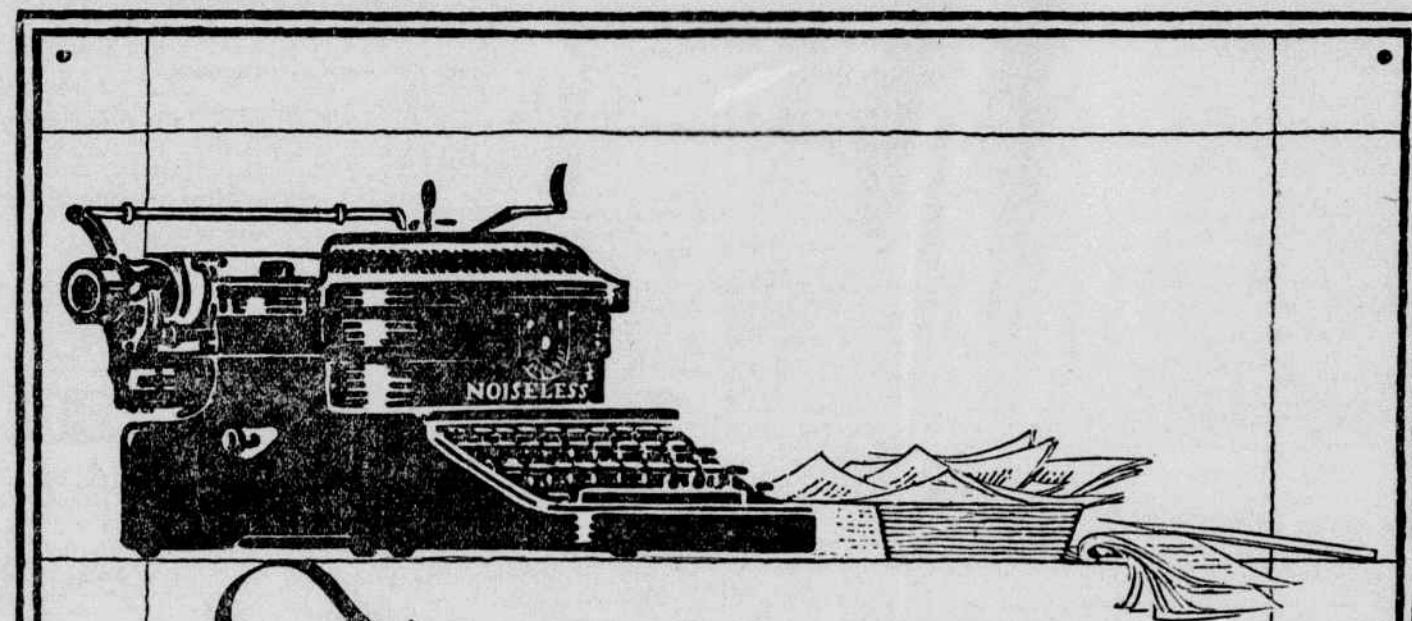
Former Soldier Struck on Head
While Looking Up Track.

While standing on the crowded subway platform at Seventy-second street late yesterday afternoon, George T. Zerne, a former soldier, of 331 Hicks street, Brooklyn, looked out to see if a train was coming. A southbound local operated by Motorman Thomas Monan swept suddenly around the curve and struck Zerne's head. The ex-soldier was hurled into the crowd.

Patrolman Agnew of the West Sixty-eighth street station commanded a taxicab and rushed him to Knickerbocker Hospital, but he was dead on arrival there.

47 SABBATH BREAKERS FINED.

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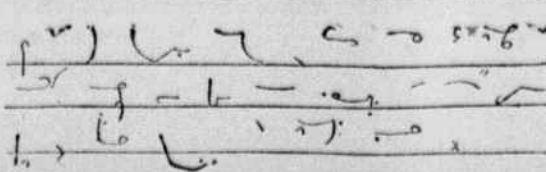
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